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SUBJECT: MAY 28-29 OTTAWA MEETING OF U.S. AND CANADIAN EXPORT
CONTROL OFFICIALS

1. SUBJECT TECHNICAL, WORKING-LEVEL TALKS, HELD AT
LONG-GESTATING CANADIAN INVITATION, WERE PRODUCTIVE
AND EXTREMELY CORDIAL. THEY WERE A RESUMPTION OF
SIMILAR TALKS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY UNTIL 1969,
ALTERNATING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA. EMBASSY
BELIEVES LONG HIATUS SHOULD NOT OCCUR AGAIN AND
RECOMMENDS WASHINGTON AGENCIES PLAN TO INVITE
CANADIAN EXCON OFFICIALS FOR NEXT ROUND OF THESE
TRADITIONAL TALKS IN 1975.

2. U.S. SIDE LED BY RAUER H. MEYER, DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION (OEA), U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. CONVERSE HETTINGER AND
MISS JEANNE NELSON, OEA, SEYMOUR GOODMAN, EB/ITP/EWT
ALSO PARTICIPATED, ALONG WITH EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL
COUNSELOR. CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS WERE DENNIS EVANS,
CHIEF, EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT
OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC), W.P. MOLSON,
G. SIMARD AND MRS. M.E. THOMPSON OF THAT DIVISION
PLUS D'ARCY MCGEE OF U.S.A. DIVISION OF ITC,
DOUGLAS WADDELL, CANADIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON AND
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ROBERT MACDOUGALL, EXTAFF, OTTAWA.

3. THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCTS OF THIS MEETING IN EMBOFF'S OPINION WERE: (A) CANADIAN CLARIFICATION OF POINTS RAISED IN MAY 22 MEMORANDUM FROM EUR/CAN EMERSON BROWN TO EB/ITP/EWT SEYMOUR GOODMAN ABOUT APPLICATION OF SECTION 9001 OF CANADIAN EXPORT CONTROL LIST (WITH REFERENCE TO MLW INDUSTRIES CASE). IN BRIEF COMPASS (WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS WILL ELABORATE) EVANS SAID CANADIAN REGULATIONS DO REPEAT DO PERMIT EXPORTER TO DETERMINE WHETHER DEGREE OF CANADIAN PROCESSING OF A U.S. PRODUCT WARRANTS APPLICATION FOR AN EXPORT PERMIT. EVANS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL, LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY ALSO RESTS WITH EXPORTER, AND THAT CANADIAN CUSTOMS AT PORT (MONTREAL) ARE VERY PAINSTAKING, EVEN ZEALOUS, IN CHECKING WHETHER U.S. COMPONENTRY MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN EXPORTS DESTINED FOR CUBA. (B) OTHER MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT OF THIS MEETING WAS EXPRESSED CANADIAN WISH FOR BILATERAL TALKS WITH U.S. PRIOR TO NEXT (OCTOBER) COCOM LIST REVIEW (LR), PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRONICS CATEGORY OF INTERNATIONAL EMBARGO LIST. I.E., MAGNETOMETERS, COMPUTERS AND SEMI-CONDUCTORS. U.S. SIDE WELCOMED THIS, AND CANADIANS HOPED THEY COULD PRESENT THEIR CONTEMPLATED LR PROPOSALS TO US IN WASHINGTON BY END OF JUNE.

4. CANADIAN SIDE TOOK FULL NOTES ON TALKS. THESE WILL BE GIVEN EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS IN DRAFT FOR CONCURRENCE AND/OR AMENDMENT AND THEREAFTER MAY SERVE AS AGREED RECORD.

5. FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF TALKS, EVANS MADE SPECIAL POINT OF EXPRESSING TO EMBOFF CANADIAN GRATIFICATION OVER FACT, CONTENT AND TONE OF MEETING, AND ALSO FOR ITS UTILITY TO ITC'S EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS DIVISION IN THE INTERNAL GOC CONTEXT. EMBASSY BELIEVES WASHINGTON REPS ALSO EXTREMELY PLEASED OVER CONTENT, TONE AND OUTCOME; SHARES THIS APPRECIATION; AND AGIAN URGES THAT WE INVITE THE CANADIANS TO WASHINGTON FOR SIMILAR TALKS BEFORE THE END OF 1975.
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